Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Newport News, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 11, 2010 to January 10, 2011

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: United States Air Force Joint Base Langley Eustis (Eustis); 1407 Washington Blvd., Fort Eustis Virginia 23604; GW0055100

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Joint Base Langley Eustis (Eustis), Newport News, VA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The United States Air Force has applied for a new permit for Joint Base Langley Eustis (Eustis) in Newport News, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 117,482 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support irrigation of the golf course, filling and maintaining a swimming pool, supporting a leadership training course, maintenance of a scenic pond, and range latrines. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the upper Potomac aquifer at a depth between 388 feet to 550 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The permit will be issued to the United States Air Force.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users of the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hank Ghittino; DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone: (757) 518-2197; E-mail: hlghittino@deg.virginia.gov, FAX: (757) 518-2009.